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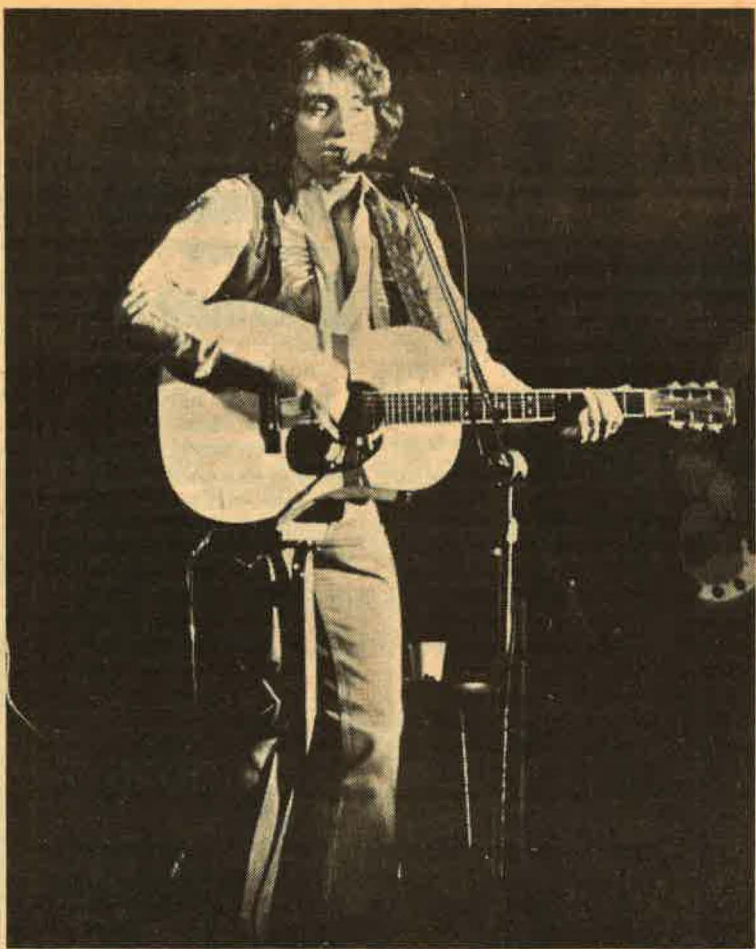
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First Spring Lyceum

Nearly 900 students braved the icy sidewalks and frigid temperatures Saturday night to see entertainer Gene Cotton perform in the main auditorium.

SA sponsors leadership conference

by Kandy Muncy

A leadership conference designed to improve the abilities of club leaders and those aspiring leadership positions, will be held tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wyldewood gymnasium.

Sonny Crew, District Sales Manager for Barsity Company, a division of Thomas-Nelson Book Company in Nashville, will speak on such topics as "How to Motivate People" and "Time Management." The conference is sponsored by the Student Association.

"I strongly urge all club presidents, social clubs,

presidents of other organizations and officers to attend this conference. Everyone is invited and I hope as many students as possible will support it," said Mark Miller, S.A. treasurer.

"He has a lot of ideas . . . and is good at getting people to follow a leader," Miller added.

The S.A. has allocated \$400 for the leadership conference so there is no charge to participants.

Other matters discussed at the meeting included Friendly Week, which has been tentatively slated for Feb. 13 through Feb. 17. Sophomore representatives

Fourth Language Festival set

The fourth annual Foreign Language Festival is tentatively set for Tuesday, according to Dr. Winfred Wright, foreign language department chairman.

"We set it up to allow time for

exams to be over, but with the snow it looks like some schools will be giving exams during the festival," Wright said. He added, however, that invitations had already been sent out.

High schools from as far away as Fort Smith and Fayetteville have been invited. Last year, about 500 students attended the event, some coming from as far as Dumas and Marianna.

The format again includes mini-classes featuring music, film and cultural activities and three afternoon films — one each in French, German and Spanish.

Freshman David McAnulty of Tourcoing, France, will perform a few numbers on classical guitar and then will team with senior languages major Katrina Wilson to sing French and Spanish folk songs.

Wright will present a slide presentation on French Africa and Venezuela, and Nicole Hatfield, professor of French at UCA, will lecture on French influence in Arkansas.

The activities will take place from 9-12 a.m. and the movies will begin at 1 p.m. Cost is one dollar for the entire day or 75 cents for just the movie. Lunch is \$1.25 in American Heritage cafeteria. Harding students are admitted free with ID.

Ganus suspends pants restriction

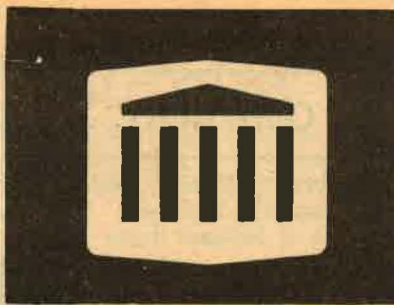
For the second consecutive year, the dress code at Harding is being relaxed so women may wear slacks to classes and chapel.

President Clifton L. Ganus Jr. made the announcement to a cheering audience in chapel Tuesday. He cited icy conditions and temperatures which were expected to hover in the mid-twenties to low 30's much of the week as reasons for the temporary change.

"I confidently expect the same kind of cooperation this year that we had last year," Ganus said in respect to the women's willingness to resume the dress code when warmer temperatures came.

Ganus would make no predictions on when the dress code would be resumed in its entirety.

"I guess we'll just have to play it by ear this year," he said.



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SA survey reveals problem

Students chide college food

by Nancy Jo Perry

Lack of representation for better food services may be the biggest complaint the student body has against the Student Association, according to the S.A. survey taken in chapel last November.

The evaluation showed that 62 percent of the students who filled out the questionnaire rated the S.A. from fair to unacceptable in regards to the food services. Students commented about the food more than any other subject in the discussion section.

"It's got to be something in the way they prepare it," said Mark Miller, chairman of the food services committee.

A survey will be taken in chapel to find out what the

students think is wrong with the food. "We have done everything we can to make the cafeterias more convenient and comfortable. It all boils down to quality," Miller said.

The committee has written to four other Christian colleges to find out about their food services. As soon as the results of the food survey are tallied and the comparisons of the colleges are made, the committee will present their suggestions to Lott Tucker, vice-president of finance.

"We can never get it as good as mother's home cooking, but we can make definite improvements by learning from the other colleges," Miller said.

The biggest complaint next to the food services was in relation to student representation before the faculty. Forty percent thought that the representation in that area was from fair to unacceptable. Representation of the spiritual life on campus and the administration was rated 36 percent in the same category, and 34 percent felt the same way about the building and grounds.

The S.A. received their highest rating from the students in social activities. Eighty percent of the students who took the poll believed that the S.A. is doing a good or superior job. Seventy-eight percent felt the same way about the movie program and 71 percent about the lyceums.

Although 74 percent thought that the S.A. is doing a good or superior job in leading the student body, many commented that they had little contact with the S.A.

"We have always been hesitant to be in the limelight but it might

be better for us to stand out more than we have," said Susan Brady, president of the S.A. An S.A. slide show is being planned to let the students know more about it.

A few comments mentioned black inequality and lack of black teachers on the faculty. Susan feels that there is a need for black teachers but that the students' complaint about no black entertainers was not legitimate.

"When we schedule a lyceum, we don't check to see if they are black performers or white performers," Susan said.

Roughly 95 percent of the students who answered the survey are aware of the eight major activities that the Student Association sponsors. However, only 41 percent read the minutes regularly.

"There is a lot of room for improvement but our biggest problem is how to present the minutes so that the students will read it," said Susan.

Fifty-one percent of the students receive the majority of their information about the S.A. from the minutes, 40 percent get it from the Bison, 26 percent from hearsay, seven percent from the bulletin boards, and six percent from the campus radio station.

A few basic changes are taking place, according to Susan. Fifty-four percent of the students who took the poll said they would attend a suggestion and complaint session. These, along with other surveys, are being planned for the future.

"We took a lot of the comments to heart, and we look for a lot of good to come from the survey," Susan said.



Snow Bowl

Knights and Phi Delta welcomed last week's snowfall with a football game on the front lawn. Approximately 5 inches of snow had fallen in the Searcy area as of Wednesday with more expected.

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SA needs student support

Long before a student government can be expected to deliver effective representation, a faith or belief must be placed in that government by the student body.

Perhaps one of the greatest problems facing our Student Association as indicated by their recent survey, is that no such faith in the S.A. exists among Harding students.

Of the 2,800 captive students in chapel last semester, only 750 filled out the survey — indicating many people thought it was a waste of time.

This is unfortunate, because the survey represents one of the first major valid attempts by the S.A. to get student input. Now that such annual duties as Homecoming are past, the S.A. is seeking to devote more time in service to the students and should be commended for it.

Despite the student apathy, some clear concerns of the students were vividly brought out in the results.

The first is that the Student Association must concentrate on getting in front of the student body. Amazingly, only 65 percent of the respondents know the S.A. president with less than 50 percent knowing the rest of the S.A. cabinet. This would demand much greater exposure via chapel appearances and *Bison* and KHCA interviews.

Secondly, the greatest complaint among students was overwhelmingly directed at the college food services. Despite denouncements from the pulpit about complaining, certainly nothing can be said about simple constructive criticism when a major problem obviously exists.

Mark Miller, chairman of the food services committee, warns that the S.A. has no real authority to invoke major changes in the food services, but undoubtedly the administration will not ignore a concerted effort by the S.A. and students to improve campus living conditions. The students have placed a job before the student government.

Despite great concern over whether the campus will host a major lyceum, the student body is pleased with the social activities sponsored by the Student Association. Over 70 percent of the respondents rated social programs at the college good or superior.

While the S.A. receives a high rating as a party organizer, the students' view of it as a representative body before administrators, staff and teachers is pessimistic with 35 to 40 percent giving a fair to unacceptable rating. In fact, great confusion exists among students and S.A. members themselves in respect to the role Harding's student government has at the college. This confusion should be alleviated and the burden of responsibility must fall on our administrators and the S.A. executive council.

Until the role of the S.A. is clarified, students have no government to believe in and the S.A. role remains largely one of a party organizer.

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The System

Is Utopia possible?

by Gary Hanes

Every morning countless scores of American school children recite the phrase "liberty and justice for all," words that many of us almost worship with patriotic devotion. Yet, can we really claim such a universal adherence to these principles?

Is every man or woman guaranteed the just execution of our massive body of laws? Does each person have the freedom to determine the course of his or her life?

America lies today as a vast sea of paradox. Our farmers cannot receive enough money to live on because they produce too much food and yet thousands, perhaps millions, of our own citizens go to bed hungry every night. We claim to be a nation based on Christian principles like compassion and sympathy, but many people favor the idea that we withdraw all aid to "ungrateful" foreigners.

Minority groups remain locked up in self-perpetuating slums while we build multi-million dollar arenas to watch men bang each other's heads in. The right to a speedy trial has largely become a joke and plea bargaining, out of necessity, has replaced true justice.

However, most of these problems have been repeated over and over again for many years, and it is still necessary for them to be re-stated because they remain largely unchanged. The social activism that ignited during the 1960's has faded into a mood of political indifference that has permeated the late 1970's.

Why?

It's not because the government doesn't reflect the mood and feelings of a majority of the people; the problem is that it does. Complacent, middle-class America has justified the existence of poverty and injustice largely out of their sphere of influence.

Sure, there's always going to be suffering and inequality; these are facts of life and human nature. But we have no right to sit contented while there remains something that we can do to correct the present situation.

The solution to the problem lies first and foremost within the heart of each person that reads this. The problem is essentially people and their inhumanity toward one another. Maybe if we who care were willing to play a more active role in the government, those school children wouldn't have to be liars.

Fifth Column Winter tips

by Steve Leavell

Ready as always to be of service to our readers, Fifth Column offers this week our cold weather survival kit, a unique collection of hints, proposals, and suggestions to enable you to make it until spring break.

Students from the south will probably benefit greatly from this article. Northerners, of course, are already well aware of the benefits of these activities and are even now practicing them.

1. Ways to heat a cold dorm room or apartment: The temperature in a cold room may be raised several degrees by utilizing the friction principle, a concept well known to every Boy Scout. To create heat, simply rub two large pieces of furniture together. If this fails to produce the desired results, set fire to your roommate.

2. Proper dress for cold weather: One common misconception is that cold weather dress should consist of a great deal of bulky clothing. This, as those in the know will attest, is as far as possible from the truth. What matters is not the volume of clothing worn, but the number of layers of clothing which can trap the body's heat. A sensible cold weather outfit, then, might consist of merely a set of thermal underwear, warm woolen shirt and pants, several sweaters, an assortment of jackets and coats, ten or twelve pairs of socks, boots, overshoes, galoshes, and a moderate-sized pup-tent. Thus accounted, the well-dressed traveler may locomote across campus with the help of nothing more than a couple of friends and a small handcart.

3. Fun activities to while away the cold winter days: One of the most depressing things about winter is the lack of any real accessible recreational activity. The nasty weather precludes most sports, and those winter sports which do exist (such as skiing, ice skating and so on) require a great deal of training and expensive equipment.

There are, of course, exceptions which provide much healthful recreation and fun.

For example, there's the popular Hundred Yard Sprawl. While the name of this popular event is largely self-explanatory, there are certain rules which must be observed. These include disqualification of any participant who bounces more than three times and extra points scored for torn clothing and painful contusions.

Other thrilling activities which make up an indispensable part of anyone's private winter olympics include the Car-Push Marathon and the I Don't Need a Coat, I'm Just Going Out For a Minute Endurance Test.

I hope these little suggestions have helped make these trying times a little more bearable for everyone.

If all else fails, you can always try what I try to do every winter. Hibernate.

SA fall budget shows \$1075 surplus

by Kandy Muncy
The Student Association's budget for the fall semester realized a \$1,075.70 surplus, according to treasurer Mark Miller.

Miller noted that some expenses may still be outstanding but said that allocated funds totalling \$4,925, expenditures totalling only \$3,883.73, and a revenue surplus of \$34.43

produced a considerable amount left over.

The budget outlayed for the 1977 fall semester:

In administrative outlays \$1,085 was allocated; \$819.79 was actually spent, with a surplus of \$265.21.

Total social outlays resulted in \$1,641.29 (of the allocated \$1,465.00) actually being spent, which caused a deficit of \$176.29.

Money actually spent by the various committees of the S.A. (\$608.24) was considerably less than the allocated figure (\$1,175.00), which resulted in a \$566.76 surplus.

In conference outlays \$575.00 was allocated while \$586.95 was actually spent, leaving a small deficit of \$11.95.

A surplus of \$397.54 in miscellaneous outlays resulted because \$227.46 of the allocated \$625.00 was actually spent.

The total amount of revenues allocated was \$4,775.00, with \$4,809.43 actually being collected, thus differencing a total of \$34.43 in surplus revenue.

"I was very pleased with last semester. We weren't too extravagant in our spending, but didn't pinch, either. The surplus will be carried over to this semester for the Spiritual Life Committee, the Leadership Conference, and social activities for the students."

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Memphis seminar begins

Getting to know Jesus in relation to His disciples will be the focus of the annual Memphis State Seminar on the campus of Memphis State University beginning today and ending Sunday.

Approximately 250 Harding students are registered for the seminar, according to Terry Smith, campus minister at Harding.

While a majority are providing their own transportation, the College church bus will be available for those without a ride to Memphis.

Registration runs smoothly

Of the 2,380 students who preregistered for classes, "most of them completed registration in 10 or 15 minutes," according to Virgil Beckett, registrar.

"I haven't talked to a student who wasn't pleased with the efficiency of registration this semester, of those who preregistered in the fall," said Beckett.

The new system features predetermined time slots during the three-day registration period. Each student chooses which time slot he wishes to register in and must register only during that time period. In this way students could be evenly divided, thus avoiding long lines.

Monday, 863 students registered with 894 registering Tuesday and 777 Wednesday.

About 200 more students were expected to arrive later in the week, including the A Cappella chorus and Chorale.

"The only students who had problems in registration were those who hadn't preregistered and it just took them longer to get through," said Beckett.

"Some students didn't make it back by the time they were scheduled to register, but we had set aside some time slots for new students and we had enough of those left over to use them for the late students," he said.

The next goal on the agenda of the registration officials is to speed up the preregistration process, particularly for freshmen, "because they come in masses to preregister as a result of the way the system is now set up," said Beckett.

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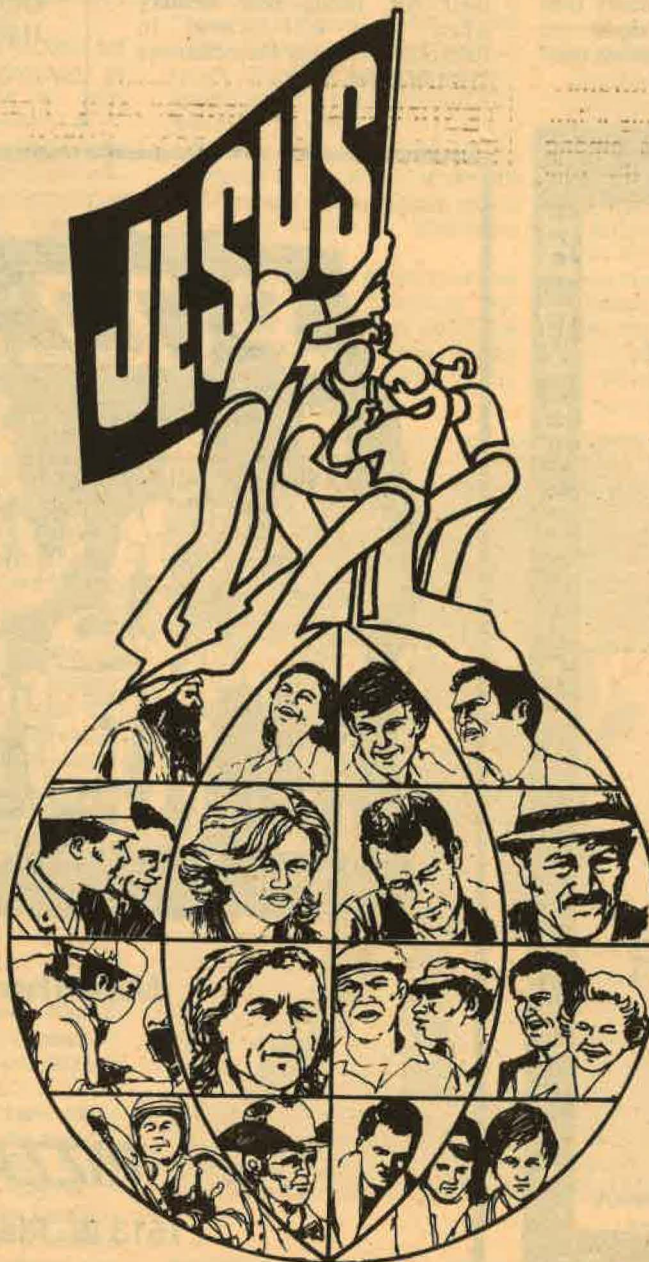
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You may be just the one we are looking for! If you have the heart and the will to give yourself, send your application today.



We are now recruiting young adults for the February, 1978 session. These young adults will go to one of the following locations to work with the missionary family listed:

Location	Supervisor
*Kauai, Hawaii . . .	Charles Cook
*Somerville, NJ . . .	Lon Mohundro
*Belfast, North Ireland .	Jack Stevenson
*Perth, West Australia .	Ron Downey

Future requests for students for September, 1978 have been made for the following locations:

Location	Supervisor
Brazil . . .	Carl Henderson
Belgium . . .	Richard E. Wolfe
Burlington, MA .	William D. McClellan
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Water Buffaloes to undergo rebuilding season

by Doug Henneman

Junior diver Brad Watson was standing around in Arnold Pylkas' office offering Kellogg's Cracklin' Bran to teammates wandering in and out of the office. Practice was just about to start. In fact, five or six swimmers were already in the water warming up.

Pylkas himself was in the midst of answering a phone that seemed to keep on ringing. In addition, he was searching for the combination to a locker that had medicine for his sprinter, Glen Graham, who was on the verge of the flu. It was a pretty informal and hectic atmosphere.

But Arnold Pylkas and his '78 Water Buffaloes can afford to be loose and easy. Or maybe it's just that it wouldn't do much good to be too intense and pressured. They've already conceded the conference championship to arch-rival Hendrix College of Conway.

"This is basically a rebuilding year," Pylkas said. "We've got a lot of freshmen and sophomores, most of whom have never swum competitively before."

"Hendrix has the championship. We'll be in a close race with UCA for second with possible competition from Arkansas Tech. I don't know about Ouachita because we haven't swum against them."

In the three meets of last semester the Water Buffaloes came away winless. They lost to Hendrix, 64-40; to UCA, 74-65; and they placed seventh of 13 teams in the Hendrix relays, although they were second among the AIC teams entered.

The team will travel to St.

Louis Jan. 27 to swim against McMurray College and West-

minster College, both of Indiana, and the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Despite the somewhat bleak outlook for the team, Pylkas is extremely proud of them.

"The nice thing about these guys is that their spirit is high. They're encouraging one another and are willing to improve their times."

It shows in the team's attitude. Most are not content to work for next year, which Pylkas feels will prove to be another close race for the conference crown, but are putting out for this season as well.

However, Pylkas is realistic enough to know that he needs more swimmers. He's in the process of recruiting six seniors from the Detroit-area high

Second-half problems continue to trouble Bisons

The Harding College Basketball Bisons kept up with the Hendrix College Warriors throughout the first half but could not cope with Hendrix's awesome depth in the second and fell short by an 81-65 margin.

The loss lowered the Bisons' overall record to 6-9 and 0-5 in AIC action. Hendrix, one game back of league leader Ouachita Baptist, is now 12-3 and 5-1 in conference play.

The Bisons, led by David Baker, who poured through 21 points, shot a hot 53.6 percent from the field and out-rebounded the Warriors by a 37-35 margin.

In the second half, Hendrix alternated their backcourt men regularly and wore down the Bisons with a pair of three-point plays.

schools.

"Their times are not quite good enough for the Big Ten but down here they could really make a name for themselves," he said.

The main bulk of the team comes from the Harding student body, and particularly those who have never swum competitively before.

Pylkas is looking to junior Steve North, who serves as team captain, for much of the team's scoring potential. He's efficient in the back, break and butterfly events with backup help coming from Vernon Beach and Walter Smith.

Mark McElrea and Graham will sprint for the team while veteran John Charles and rookie Ken Ellis will shoulder the distance events.

With seven minutes to go, Hendrix went into a four corner offense to maintain ball control. The Bisons, with Stan Eckwood and Haze McClary coming up with a couple of steals, tried to stay in reaching distance, but the Warriors began to pick up easy points at the free throw line.

Scoring in double figures along with Baker was Eckwood with 16 points and 14 rebounds.

The Bisons were sparked by newcomer Haze McClary who came off the bench and thrilled the crowd by stuffing a Hendrix layup in the second half.

Harding will be hoping to end their AIC losing skid Monday when they will travel to Russellville to play the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys.

Junior Brad Watson captains the diving team with senior lettermen Rick Blevins and Dale "Goober" McCoy and sophomore Eddie Blackshear rounding out the squad.

Academics have hurt the squad in addition to the lack of experience. Co-captain Tim Boyd is on probation and speedster Norman Kahla is not even out for the team in order to spend more time with the books. Several others have also quit the team for the sake of studies.

Fate has not been kind to this year's team. Of the 42 that originally came out, only about 25

were left by Christmas, and the squad now is down to about 14.

But it's not really all that bad. The team is close, spirits are high and next year promises to be one of the best in the team's history. Besides, what other sport has Cracklin' Bran on its training table?

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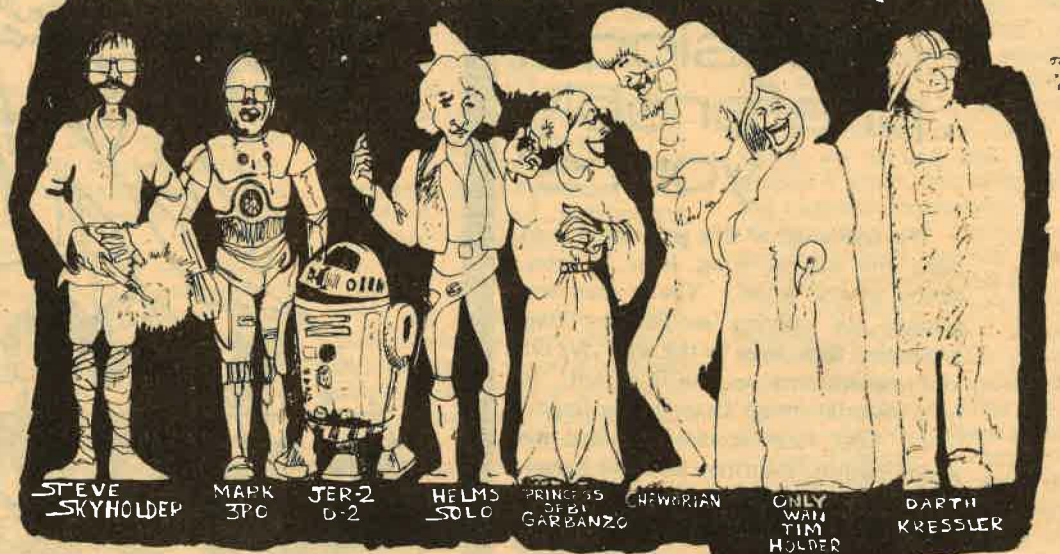
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